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For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

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CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.
H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.
Hongkong, March 25, 1885. 552

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 847

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General MEETING of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be held in the Premises of the Club on SATURDAY, NEXT, the 30th May, at 5 p.m.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary,
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.
Hongkong, May 23, 1885. 840

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

A NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at the Society's HEAD OFFICE, NO. 15, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the Second day of June, 1885, at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon, when it is intended to Confirm the Resolutions passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders on the 18th day of May, 1885.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.
Hongkong, May 18, 1885. 813

JUST RECEIVED
SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 616

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HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

A COMMISSION has been appointed by the Japanese Government, to investigate and report upon the circumstances attending the fatal wounding of one of the Chinese Minister's servants, by a Japanese soldier, at Seoul, recently.—*King Sun.*

THE S. S. *Glenarion*, which left Shanghai at 2 p.m. on Tuesday 19th the instant, for Nagasaki, left the last named port, after taking in 700 tons of coal, for Yokohama, at noon on the 21st instant. Her cargo, very likely, is destined for the British Government; the British ships in Yokohama presumably having run short of coal; as the Russian authorities are said to have bought all English coal at Yokohama. *Mercantile Mail.*

The *Shinpao* says, Mr Yoh Ko-Chu (ex-pendant Tso-tai), who has been Magistrate of the Shanghai District, and managing director of the China Merchants' S. N. Company, and who, on account of the death of his mother, had retired to the country, in Canton, for over 3 years, is coming up to Shanghai in the *Fushun*. The Canton Guild has been made ready for his reception. He will proceed to Peking for audience after arrival.

SAY THE *Rising Sun*.—The U. S. corvette *Ossipee* arrived at Nagasaki from Jinchuan on Tuesday the 12th instant, and will probably remain here until the arrival of Admiral Davis, who is shortly expected from Shanghai. The *Junketsu* is reported due here from Shanghai about the 20th inst., and the *Monocacy* we believe also coming from the same port as soon as the extensive repairs on her are finished.

THE Kioto Unyu Kwaisho's a. s. *Kosugi Maru* left Nagasaki for Jinchuan on Monday last, for the purpose, the *Rising Sun* believes, of bringing away the Japanese troops stationed there, in accordance with the agreement recently entered into between their Excellencies Count Ito and Li Hung-chang on behalf of their respective Governments.

THE Nagasaki *Rising Sun* says H. M. S. *Champion*—one of the vessels detailed to follow the Russian iron-clad *Miriam* on her homeward-bound journey,—arrived from Singapore on Wednesday morning last, and after coaling and provisioning she left again under sealed orders the same evening. Her destination was most probably Port Hamilton. The chartered steamer *Thales* arrived from that port at noon on Tuesday, and after taking in more timber and cattle she left again for the same place at noon on Thursday. When the *Thales* left Port Hamilton four British men-of-war were there; and the gun-vessel *Flying Fish* and the a. s. *Merionethshire*, each with a steam-launch in tow, were shortly expected there from Hongkong.

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CAPTAIN H. Davison, late Commander of the S.S. *Oceanic*, was married to Miss Sarah Rosegrave Middleton, daughter of Mr Jonathan Middleton, on Tuesday evening (April 21st). The ceremony was performed at the Church of the Advent, East Oakland. The sacred edifice was beautifully decorated with flowers. Mr Fred. Mills, the handsome and genial Purser of the *Oceanic*, and Captain Thompson, of the British ship *Gorfield*, acted as ushers and provided admirably for the comfortable seating of the guests. After the service the invited were driven to the residence of the bride's father, "Alneburg" House, Fruit Vale, where, after enjoying the hospitality and rendering the congratulations of the occasion, the party broke up at a late hour. We wish long life and prosperity to the happy couple.—*San Francisco News Letter.*

At American telegram, dated the 22nd April, says:—The *Times* this morning publishes the following poem by the Poet Laureate:

The Fleet on its Reported Insufficiency.
You, you, you have failed to understand
The fleet of England is her all in all,
And you will welcome the curse of all the land
Which Nelson left so great?

Therefore, the mightiest naval power on earth;

This one small isle the lord of every sea;
Poor England, what will it think when true?

Will kick you from your place—
But then too late, too late!

TEMPSYON.

We hope for Tempsyon's sake that the above is either a joke perpetrated by some of our American contemporaries, or that it will be found that the telegraph wires were suffering from a severe electrical disturbance when the poem was being transmitted.

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Covers were laid for sixty. The Band of The Buffs played during dinner; and the Government House Garden was illuminated: A Guard of Honour of The Buffs, under Capt. Somerton, was drawn up in front of the entrance.

The Governor of Macao was prevented by indisposition from being present, but sent a congratulatory telegram.

Subjoined is a list of the invitations issued:—

Her Excellency the Governor of Macao.

H. E. the Major-General Commanding the Troops.

Commander Morant, R.N.

The Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

The Judges of the Supreme Court.

The Consuls for Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, the Hawaiian Islands, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Norway, the United States, and Venezuela.

The Rev. the Colonial Chaplain.

The Right Rev. Bishop Raimondi.

The Very Rev. G. Burghignoli.

The Rev. Dr. Chalmers.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Superintendent of the Victoria Gaol.

The Colonial Surgeon.

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The Senior Police Magistrate.

The Superintendent of the Botanical and Amusement Department.

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The Head Master of the Central School.

The Government Astronomer.

The Acting Crown Solicitor.

The Clerk of Councils.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary.

Captain R. Murray Rumsey, (Acting Harbour Master).

Mr E. W. Keay, R.N. (Secretary).

Mr Ferguson, R.N. (Inspector of Machinery).

Deputy Inspector-General Fisher, R.N.

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The Commanding Royal Engineer.

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The Senior Commissariat Officer.

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The Assistant Military Secretary.

The District Paymaster.

The Brigade Major.

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CANTON.

(From our Correspondent.)

May 26th, 1885.

Last Friday a severe thunderstorm passed over Canton. The lightning struck a powder manufacture situated at the West of the city, doing considerable damage. A man and a woman were killed and a junk had its mast split.

The anti-foreign feeling is again manifesting itself among the lower grades of society. As one passes along the street rows of Shatt are frequent. This is followed by an assertion that the foreign devils have been beaten: "kill the foreign devils, there is now nothing to fear." Again we hear it said that in Tonquin the French have been beaten, and dare not come to Canton, because of Pang Yi Lin, nor dare they go to Fouchow now. Too Taung Tang is there. Foreign practice is at a vast discount and all because of the shilly-shallying, half-hearted measures that have been adopted by the French. We are tolerated here simply because the Chinese have an impression that, after all, a western power, if it were to exert itself, could crush the pride and arrogance of China and make her lick the dust. That impression was much stronger before the French began their patrolling business in Tonquin. Now that impression is weak and, our position here is proportionately unsafe.

It is not to be expected that in a country where woman occupies such a subordinate position as she does in China that the foreign lady should escape insult; consequently when she passes along the street threats are heard of *Shat jin Kwei po*.

The people are quite ready for another round. All that is wanted is the opportunity.

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ON THURSDAY, the 28th May, 1885, at noon, the Company's S.S. *ANDALVA*, Commanded by Mr. Mariano, with 240 PASSENGERS, "SPECIE," and CARGO, will leave the Port for the above places.

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Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

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Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

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Hongkong, May 15, 1885.

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